

Safer Communities for Our Families

This year the House passed several measures to protect our families from violent criminals and pornography:

Two Strikes And You're Out Child Protection Act -- Sets a minimum life sentence for those convicted of two sexual offenses against minors.

Aimee's Law -- Provides financial incentives for States that prohibit the early release of criminals convicted of murder, rape, or other dangerous sexual offenses.

Illegal Pornography Prosecution Act -- Sets aside \$5 million of existing funds for the specific prosecution of obscenity cases. During the Clinton / Gore Administration prosecution of obscenity cases has declined by 80%.

Project Exile -- Provides grants to State and local police departments to ensure that those arrested for criminal possession or use of a firearm receive the maximum possible penalty.

Anti-SPAM Act -- Allows individuals to sue companies who refuse to remove them from mass e-mail lists. Studies indicate that up to 30% of mass e-mails advertise pornography.

Fighting High Taxes and Working for Tax Fairness for All Americans

This year the House passed several measures to lower taxes and provide tax fairness for all Americans:

Marriage Penalty Elimination -- The Clinton / Gore Administration recently vetoed a bill to eliminate the marriage penalty by setting the standard deduction and the 15% tax bracket for married couples at twice the level set for single filers.

Death Tax Elimination -- Eliminates the death tax which often prevents the transfer of family farms and business from one generation to another.

Phone Tax Repeal -- Eliminates the 3% excise tax on phone service that was implemented to fund the Spanish-American War, over 100 years ago.

Keeping the Internet Tax Free -- The House passed separate bills to extend the Internet tax moratorium for another five years and to permanently prohibit the FCC from imposing an Internet access fee.

Sunsetting the Tax Code -- Terminates the current tax code by 2005 and establishes a commission to propose a simplified tax system.

Full Disclosure -- The Right to Know Payroll Act requires employers to disclose on W-2 forms both the employee and employer share of federal payroll taxes.

Improving National Security

This year the House passed several measures to improve national security, including:

Restoring Funding for the Department of Defense -- After years of steady decline under the Democratic majority, Republicans increased defense funding by over \$20 billion.

Missile Defense -- The House approved an amendment prohibiting the Clinton / Gore Administration from modifying the 1972 ABM Treaty in a way that would impose new and severe restrictions on America's ability to develop and deploy missile defense systems.

Prohibit Establishment of a Spy Facility Near the Pentagon -- The House approved an amendment prohibiting the Chinese Government from purchasing of an apartment complex located near the Pentagon that could have been used as an espionage facility.

Fighting Corporate Welfare and Government Waste

This year the House passed several measures to stop government waste and corporate welfare, including:

Eliminate Funding for the Partnership for the Next Generation Vehicle -- The PNGV program, which cost taxpayers over \$100 million a year, provided research subsidies for the Big Three automakers.

Eliminate the Advanced Technology Program -- The \$100 million a year ATP program provided research subsidies for companies such as IBM, Xerox, Dow Chemical, and Johnson & Johnson.

Require an Audit of the Department of Education -- After the Department was unable to audit its books for two consecutive years, the House passed legislation requiring an independent audit.

Expanding and Enhancing Retirement Security for All Americans

This year the House passed several measures to expand and enhance retirement opportunities for all Americans:

Repeal the Social Security Earning Limit -- President Clinton signed into law a bill to repeal the penalty imposed on Social Security recipients who continue to work.

Repeal the Tier II Social Security Tax -- Repeals the 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits.

Pension Reform and Expansion -- Among other things, this bill increases the annual contribution limits on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) from the current law's \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Locking Away Social Security and Medicare Surpluses and Paying Down the Debt

Social Security and Medicare Surpluses -- The House voted to lock-away the nearly \$200 billion surplus from the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds for public debt reduction. In past years, these funds were spent on other government programs.

Public Debt Reduction -- President Clinton signed into law a proposal setting aside \$4 billion of the surplus for public debt reduction. Since then, the House has approved two additional measures setting aside \$85 billion of the surplus for debt reduction.

Stopping Unconstitutional and Abusive Federal Regulations

Religious Broadcasting Freedom Act -- This House approved bill frees educational, cultural, and religious broadcasters from proposed regulations allowing FCC bureaucrats to decide what can be aired on certain radio and TV stations.

Government Blacklisting -- The House approved an amendment to prevent the Clinton / Gore Administration from implementing policies to prevent non-union businesses from competing for government contracts.

Total Maximum Daily Loads -- The House is continuing to fight regulations recently finalized by the EPA that could lead to additional regulations and the possible prohibition of farming, ranching, and other activities on certain private lands.

Defending the Second Amendment

Backdoor Gun Control-- The House approved an amendment stopping an unauthorized HUD program designed to get local governments to sign pledges agreeing only to buy firearms from manufactures who agree to impose gun control on themselves and their dealers. This backdoor gun control program would ultimately prevent local law enforcement officers from acquiring the weapons of their choice.

Government Preferences -- The House also approved a measure which prohibits certain federal agencies from showing preference to those manufactures who agree to impose gun control on themselves and their dealers when purchasing firearms for federal law enforcement officers.

Defending Our Constitutional Rights

Religious Expression -- Supports the Ohio State Motto "With God All Things Are Possible" and declares "repugnant" the Constitutional misinterpretations by Federal courts which have ruled the motto unconstitutional.

Right to Life -- The Innocent Child Protection Act codifies the long-standing principle that the government must never kill an innocent unborn child in the course of carrying out the death penalty.

Private Property Rights -- The Private Property Rights Implementation Act expedites Federal court consideration of cases where government agencies are accused of violating an individual's Fifth Amendment rights.

Defending Traditional American Values

Opposing Efforts to Legitimize Prostitution -- When the Clinton / Gore Administration's delegates to an international conference began efforts to legitimize prostitution as an acceptable occupation for women, House Members responded with letters and the threat of legislative action until the delegates dropped their demands.

Defending the Vatican -- When pro-abortion groups organized to evict the Holy See from the United Nations because of its opposition to abortion, the House passed a resolution defending the Holy See and commending it for efforts to protect human life.